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9. (Secret - GLC) Met with Jim Woolsey, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and gave him a copy of the Symington amendment with the changes I had provided him yesterday by phone. I advised him that there would be a shortfall of [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] but I pointed out that this did not include the shortfall in the DOD funds for Laos. I told him that he should get those figures from the Department of Defense. Woolsey said there was "no way" that they would get this information from the Pentagon. He acknowledged receipt of the DOD reclama statement recommending against acceptance of the Symington amendment but said this was totally unrealistic in view of Senator Symington's strong feelings about the amendment and the support he has gotten from Chairman Stennis for a ceiling on Laotian expenditures.

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10. (Confidential - GLC) Talked several times during the day with Messrs. [REDACTED] and Houston about developments concerning the Symington amendment to the Military Procurement Act, and late in the afternoon I left with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, a statement on the problems which the Symington amendment would create for the Agency. In response to his request, I also gave him a copy of suggested changes in the language of the amendment which we feel would eliminate the problems described in our paper. Slatinshek said he would go over the paper and be back in touch with us later on.

11. (Secret - GLC) Met briefly with Bill Woodruff, Senate Appropriations Committee, to advise him of our contacts with House and Senate Armed Services Committee staffs on the Symington amendment. Woodruff said he had seen Ed Braswell this morning and again expressed to Braswell his displeasure with Senator Stennis' letter to the President in which he said he would not support CIA funds for operations in Laos after FY 1972. He told me Stennis' letter was obviously a move by Braswell to unload the problem from the Armed Services Committee, passing the buck to Appropriations. He said he was strongly considering discussing with Ralph Preston the desirability of having all funds for Laotian expenditures in the Agency budget in the future. He said there had been some cuts in DOD programs which would permit the Agency to use funds in the DOD budget which did not require authorization. Woodruff added that if this was decided upon, a statement would be made in the annual budget letter from Chairmen Ellender and Mahon and would have the effect of restoring the status quo. (All of the above is consistent with Woodruff's earlier statement to us that there just isn't another element in the Executive Branch who can handle the Laotian problem.)

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